

RUUSAN

Astronavigation Data: Ruusan system (formerly known as Hoth's Brand system), Teraab sector, Mid Rim

Orbital Metrics: 355 days per year/23 hours per day

Government: None

Population: 30,000 (60% Bouncer, 25% Ruusanian, 10% Human, 15% other)

Languages: Basic

Terrain: Desert, canyons, caves, rivers, lakes

Major Cities: Olmondo, Fort Nowhere

Areas of Interest: Katarn's Hill, Valley of the Jedi

Major Exports: Ore

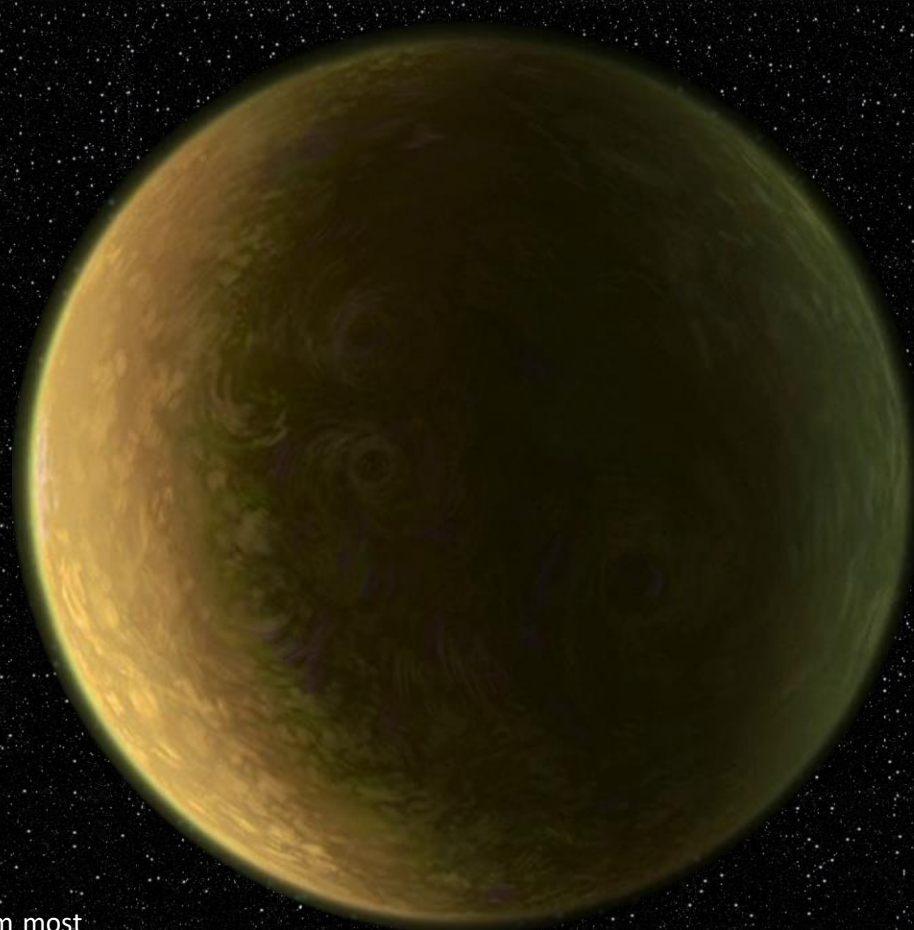
Major Imports: Foodstuffs, technology

Background: Ruusan was a planet in the Mid Rim most famous for the Ruusan campaign, the last stand of the Brotherhood of Darkness under Lord Kaan and the birthplace of Darth Bane's Order of the Sith Lords. The planet lent its name to the Ruusan Reformations enacted after the battle.

Ruusan was originally a temperate, pleasant world, inhabited by Ruusanians, Humans, and a strange sentient species known as Bouncers. Ruusan's mineral deposits proved disappointing but it was the only source for the Ruusan crystal. Ruusan had three moons, referred to by locals as the "Three Sisters." Smugglers claimed that at least one of the moons had ruins of an ancient civilization.

Ruusan was the site of seven battles between the Sith's Brotherhood of Darkness and the Jedi's Army of Light. During the last battle of Ruusan (1000 BBY) between the Jedi under Lord Hoth, and the Sith under Lord Skere Kaan, much of the planet's surface, including vegetation and several cities, were destroyed.

The expanding nebulae of the sector erased the hyperlanes connecting Ruusan and the world was quickly forgotten, as the Galactic Republic turned inward. Isolation and crossbreeding amongst the inhabitants produced a near-Human population that became known as Ruusanians. Shifting nebulae within the stellar nursery of the Teraab soon erased



hyperspace routes to Ruusan, leaving it inaccessible from the galaxy at large. The Separatists briefly established a spy post over one of Ruusan's moons during the Clone Wars, but it was soon destroyed. By the time of the Galactic Empire's reign, Ruusan was mostly forgotten.

VALLEY OF THE JEDI

The Valley of the Jedi or the Valley of the Souls was the site of the Seventh Battle of Ruusan, the last battle of the New Sith Wars and a thousand years before the Battle of Yavin.

There, Lord Kaan's thought bomb trapped the souls of over one-hundred Jedi and Sith until the Jedi were finally freed by Kyle Katarn.

The Valley of the Jedi then became a concentrated area of Force energy called a Force nexus, and is widely believed to be the most powerful Force nexus in the entire galaxy.



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